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WSC Prostitution Epidemic

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Worcester State has currently been experiencing a ramped prostitution epidemic.

Although authorities have avidly been attempting to control and contain the prostitution ring; all attempts have been unsuccessful.

Authorities have found a few key links of identifying the deviant individuals.

The most obvious characteristic is the uniform, which consists of sweatpants and the ever-popular mid-calf Ugg boots.

The uniform is used as a form of advertisement, displaying availability and price.

The color of the boots symbolize the status of the worker within the hierarchy of the prostitution ring.

The boots also display the amount of Adderall required to receive service.

Other than the serious lack of fashion sense, the prostitution ring has no identifiable features to distinguish the nice girls from the naughty girls.

With the number of nice girls declining WSC authorities are beginning to believe containment is unattainable and speculate that the epidemic will spread to other surrounding schools.

Serious investigation isn't needed to discover the prostitution ring has gained control of the campus.

The prostitution ring is being lead much like a mafia, weaving themselves into every area of campus life.

Silently controlling academics areas; grades, parking regulations, and most importantly, lunch schedules.

They are generously offering tuition assistance to other girls, attempting to lure them into the growing business.

With much effort, three prostitutes agreed to make a statement.

The question asked to all three prostitutes was "what they found appealing in joining the prostitution ring?"

An entry level prostitute stated "Quise tener el control de la vida y ahora yo tengo el poder" another stated "Ich tue es für den Adderall".

A higher level prostitute stated "Ezy ìicie ist platformą dlaczego ne morzna sie zababic wkóretke".

At this critical time in WSC history, authorities advise the young men of WSC to stay strong and keep themselves true and virtuous.

These young men must conquer this treacherous time of female heathens attempting to steal their chastity.

Their innocence must be maintained at all cost.

May temperance be on their side.

Losi to be dismissed for front page scandal

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Due to the scathingly biased front page article of the March 23rd TSV issue, President Ashley has requested a formal meeting with staff writer Laura Jean Losi.

As the corrupt mind behind the act of public humiliation in regards to excess spending on NUPs, Ms. Losi is now being summoned to our President's quarters for a little heart to heart, and perhaps, as rumors have stated, a sealed envelope dismissing her from WSC, only weeks before graduation.

Though we have not yet reached direct answers as to what else her punishment might be, we do know that a public press conference will be held next Tuesday April 7th in the Blue Lounge of the Student Center.

All voices are welcomed to the trial of Ms. Losi's journalistic infraction, and upon attending, all are requested to be as honest, brutal, and conscientious as possible.

Losi's rebellious actions have earned her the academic definition of capital punishment, however, in an unreleased statement, President Ashley has publicly announced that she will be refusing her approximately two hundred thousand dollar salary in order to better serve the needs of the student body.

Noting similar moves on the part of the AIG executives, President Ashley said she was also inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and the incoherent angry gibberish spouting from Massachusetts Senator Barney Frank.

The benevolent President Ashley has made this generous move to accommodate the shrinking financial budget.

She hinted that the money may go to finally raise the small, unsightly trailer park that has sprouted up near the Sullivan Building.

Speaking as someone who grew up in a trailer, I feel this would be a mistake because the trailers give the rural students a connection with home that allows them to feel more comfortable in the urban environment.

Instead, I would suggest a change in course from usual policy. The money should be immediately spent on tangible items like buildings and metal awnings rather than abstract ideas like education and knowledge.

Word of the Week:

Apricate: (v) from the Latin apricari. To bask in the sun or to sun oneself.

Example: If I had any money, I would have spent Spring break apricating myself in Cancun or some other equally hot place far enough away from my schoolbooks.

Quote of the Week:

"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."
-Bob Hope

"Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective; an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs."
-christopher Morley

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Little Shop of Horror...For Real

We here at the Student Voice would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Stefan family for the loss of their daughter, Hayley Colange Stefan.

The double English/Spanish major would have been a junior next fall and spent her free time acting as staff writer to the Student Voice and President of the book club.

Unfortunately, it was her time spent tutoring at the Writing Center that led to her mysterious and unbelievable death.

On Monday March 30th at around 1:45 p.m., Ms. Stefan was seated at the main computer answering an online writing sample when she was suddenly strangled by the limbs a neon green plant atop the file cabinet to her right.

The suspect, known only as "the asparagus plant" was caught "green handed" with it's hundreds of tentacle-like branches wrapped around Ms. Stefan's esophagus.

Two students, also tutors at the Writing Center, witnessed the tragic event but wish to remain anonymous in their confessions out of fear that "the asparagus plant" will come after them next.

"We were in the middle of a conversation, facing Hayley at the computer," whimpered student one. "I saw the first few limbs reaching out, but it was so alien and unbelievable I couldn't speak, I couldn't warn her."

Student two was seated at the front reception desk and attempted to save the victim from the tenacious plant, but it was too late.

"She was pulled back to wall and I leapt out of my chair, ran to the corner and tried to untangle the vines from her neck," she continued, wiping her eyes "she was screaming and the vines were too tight, I couldn't even cut them with scissors!"

The WSC police were called in ten minutes later. Upon cutting the relentless vines with sheers, the plant let out an ear-piercing squeal and shriveled up into its pot. Ms. Stefan did not survive.

A service will be held next week, exact time and date to be announced. We have been asked to let all WSC students know that counselors in health services will be available every day in order to help students cope with this tragic event.

As for the plant, Mr. Asparagus was taken out of the Sullivan Building in an impenetrable plastic bag, each of his tentacles chopped off, burned and locked in a metal lock-box to avoid any living cells from re-rooting in the soil.

Jacqueline Morrill
Editor-In-Chief

WSC Parking Wars

Editorial
Jenn Robbins
Business Editor/Acting Managing Editor

As I'm sure most of the campus community has noticed, the parking situation has gotten even worse over the last few weeks.

Due to renovations and additions that are going to be made to Dowden Hall, several dozen resident parking spaces have been blocked off.

This leaves the residents to fight for an upper lot parking space. For those who are not lucky enough to find a spot, the parking garage is the place to go.

This renovation has caused a chain reaction in the, already terrible parking situation. The reaction goes a little something like this:

The school took away upper lot, resident parking spaces and gave them two floors of the parking garage.

The commuters are now left with less parking because the residents are parking in their spots.

Also, a handful of the faculty were not granted their parking permits, and were therefore given commuter parking passes.

Now, the faculty and the commuters have to battle it out for the remaining spaces. This situation is more than frustrating to anyone who brings a car onto campus. As residents, commuters and faculty we pay a pretty penny for our parking decals, and the school continues to take away more and more of our parking.

New this week, another couple dozen of parking spaces have been blocked off for upcoming renovations on the LRC.

However, these parking spaces will only be unavailable for a few days, or so they say.

In addition to these parking wars that are going on, there have also been some problems with students driving the wrong way down the one-way hill.

The campus police have been on constant watch for these perpetrators...like me (cough cough).

According to one campus officer, they have been noticing too many people driving the wrong way down that hill, just so they don't have to drive all the way around campus just to get into the parking garage.

I agree with the officer that this is a completely legitimate concern; someone could really get hurt or hurt someone else driving down the wrong way.

My only complaint on this issue is if the students are going to be reprimanded for not obeying the laws on campus, then shouldn't everyone else-including the construction workers?

On multiple occasions I have witnessed dump trucks and bulldozers coming onto campus through exit-only ways.

Just the other day a car was driving off campus, through an exit only in front of the administration building, when a large dump truck entered through that exit.

This forced the car to back up and wait for the truck to enter.

After speaking with several students on this issue, one solution stood out among the rest.

A senior female resident proposes that each person who purchased a one year resident parking pass be reimbursed $27.

When questioned about that amount she replied that she had done the math and figured out that each resident pays approximately $27 a month (this counts December and January as one month, taking into account winter break).

Due to the fact that the residents and commuters will be inconvenienced for one month because of construction that just couldn't be held off until we leave in May, it seems fairly reasonable for all of us to be reimbursed a small amount.

After all, with extra money laying around for administrations bonuses and whatnot, they must be able to give back a little something back to the students.

Let's Talk About Sex, WSC!

Advice
Felicia Misale
V. P. Pride Alliance

Dear Felicia,

As you may have guessed by my not-so-anonymous email address, I am a professor here at Worcester State College. I am writing to you because I am in a truly hard position and need your help.

At the start of this semester I took notice of a gorgeous female that sits in the rear of my classroom.

In the beginning, I tried to ignore her looks and focus on teaching.

As time has gone on, however, it's become harder and harder to think of anything but her.

It doesn't help that she wears really low-cut shirts to class. Her lacy bras drive me wild.

Against my better judgment I think about what it would be like to be with her.

I imagine her coming to my office to talk about extra-credit options.

I'd feel nervous and excited but invite her to come in and sit down, closing the door behind her.

As she turned to take a seat I'd grab her from behind and kiss her neck softly as I caressed her hair.

I'd whisper in her ear that she could have whatever grade she desires. She'd shiver and gradually turn to face me, holding me tight against her body.

We'd stare into each other's eyes longingly until our lips met for the first time.

Finally, we would share a few minutes of intimacy against my bookshelves.

I'd give her an A for the semester. She'd email me during her Spring Break in Florida.

This is just one example of what I think about while I stand in front of the class.

Night after night it grows more difficult to concentrate on the rest of my students.

What can I possibly do to relieve myself of these urges?

I can't continue teaching with these feelings built up inside me. Please help!

Anonymous, M, 36

Dear Anonymous Professor,

The answer is obvious: you won't be able to lecture properly until you have sex with your student.

Good luck and stay safe!

Felicia Misale

Email your questions to:
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After-hour Professors

Karl Hartshorn
Staff Writer

We at the Student Voice are still giddy with the excitement of exposing the unkempt undergarments of the administration.

However, lest we be charged as biased, over-excitable children, we also wanted to present another dark side of campus.

So, we at the Voice decided to explore what members of the faculty are doing to pay their bills in these times of economic hardship and... well, as the great American philosopher of experience, Dr. H.S. Thompson once claimed, "when the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

Our incredibly sophisticated methods of investigation exposed a variety of techniques employed by the faculty to gain a few extra dollars.

Following are the most shocking instances of depravity we located.

Please, as you read, do remember that times are tough.

We have received word that Professor Foley of the English Department has been spending his weekends singing Shakespearean sonnets from the back of a hotdog wagon and, as he slings sliders for tips, attempting to write a one-man musical production of Steinbech's Of Mice and Men.

This tip was not followed up for fear of processed meats and bad endings.

Another lead suggested that the very industrious Professor Brooker of the Sociology Department worked over the winter as a department store Santa Claus and currently moonlights as a hairdresser and inspirational speaker.

These leads were immediately dismissed because it is assumed that regardless of occupation Professor Brooker is focused on the health of the individual and the health of the global environment.

The biggest surprise of all however comes from the Urban Studies Department where apparently a PhD. from NYU won't hold back the wolf at the door.

Professor Steven Corey is hiding a secret vocation behind those thick-rimmed glasses, mysterioso falcial hair, and youthful good looks.

According to an unreliable source, Professor Corey has taken to debauchery and sin to make ends meet.

He has been "forced" to strip for cash after-hours.

I know. It's appalling. Wait. There's more.

These (some would judge) indecent acts could be overlooked, kind of like the admin pay raises, if the shenanigans ended here.

I am sure all on the Worcester State College pay role from other professors to janitors to the library staff have behaved in ways deemed inappropriate by the majority of society on occasion, especially when money is tight.

But wait. Professor Corey, perhaps seeing a greater earning potential, strips in costume at alternative clubs.

I didn't know what this meant either, until I saw the footage on the Internet (side note: it would be best to save all necessary files before googling or oogling these cites).

The strip club market, recently hard hit by the fall of the financial service industry, is experimenting with a new business model involving more theme-oriented costumed strippers.

Professor Corey has tapped this market and, by dancing at alternative clubs, has really done quite well I am told.

He performs under several stage names including Sexy Stevie, Little Stevie Knickers, and Salty Carpets and will be doing his Gilligan's Island show, including "The Skipper", "The Millionaire", and "The Professor," at an undisclosed location in Fall River next weekend.

Professor "Tuck" Amory offered this anonymous response on behalf of the department: "We have always been proud of Steve's creativity and innovative entrepreneurial spirit. He has really put WSC on the map with this new venture."

America's Most Wanted Found at the Bottom of Lake Ellie

Jenn Robbins
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Every semester biology students take the plunge into Lake Ellie to test the different bacteria and organisms in the water.

This semester they found more than they planned to.

Soon after the students began wading in the muck of Ellie, they made a very unexpected discovery.

Lying beneath a layer of mud and debris was a dead body.

The proper authorities were quickly contacted and the WSC campus soon looked like an episode of CSI.

It has been estimated that they body couldn't have been in the lake for more than a year, due to the amount of decomposition that has taken place.

The body was taken to a local lab where it was identified as one of America's Most Wanted, James "Whitey" Bulger.

Bulger, a Boston native, has been running from the law since he was in his late teens.

He has been majorly known for being a mobster and being involved in many drug trafficking rings.

He has been a fugitive for several years and was last seen in 2002 in London.

It is unknown how Bulger's body ended up in Lake Ellie.

Police suspect foul play; however, there is no substantial evidence at this point to validate their suspicions.

The biology students who discovered Bulger's body have requested for the corpse to be sent back to campus so that they can complete some further testing.

Their goal is to prove that the lake has high toxicity level, and could potential harm the students if it is not taken care of properly.

WSC Announcements

The Health Services Office has asked us to announce that there has been a small medical epidemic on campus. Several students have reported the development of a rash on their posteriors after using the restrooms in the Sullivan Building.

There is no reason for panic, but Health Services does recommend that students immediately stop using the bathrooms in the Sullivan Building until the specific origins of the rash are identified and sterilized.

The rash, formally known as clunes delentes (in italics please), is not serious and has been classified as "medically insignificant yet socially unacceptable" by Health Services.

The standard distinguishing symptoms include itching and burning of the buttocks, swollen, irritated, and inflamed skin in the contact areas, and behaviors associated with these conditions.

If you suffer from these symptoms and (also in italics please) have recently used the lavatories in the Sullivan Building, please call Health Services at (508)-929-8875.

The Writing Center

Do you want to improve your writing? Come to the Writing Center! The center offers peer tutoring, writing resources, workshops, and more.

It is located in sullivan 306. Hours are Monday-Thursday 9-3 and Friday 9-1. Call 929-8112 to make an a appointment or just stop by. Be sure to check out the website at www.worcester.edu/owl

Want to be a tutor?

Would you like an on-campus job? Are you a good writer? If you've answered yes to both of these questions you should consider becoming a writing center tutor. The Writing Practicum class is held in the Fall with Professor Smitherman and discusses tutoring techniques as well as offering real tutoring experience. You may recieve 3-6 credits for this class, and after your first semester, hourly pay. For more information email Carey. Smitherman@worcester.edu.

Worcester State Student Wins Nobel Prize in Investigative Literature

Hayley Colange Stefan
Staff Writer

Their satirical articles on the end of the world made us laugh. Their written instructions on hallway etiquette fueled the introduction of traffic lights in the Sullivan building. However, it was their collaborative effort in uncovering the financial follies of Worcester State College that would earn three students and Student Voice staff writers a Nobel Prize this spring.

A recent article in the college newspaper The Student Voice shed light on the unsavory decisions of the college's administration in allotting nearly $135,000.00 in raises to four members of the college personnel. The front-page article, written by Jackie Morrill, Karl Hartshorn and Laura Losi, was received with extreme controversy in the college community, sparking protests by the faculty and massive boycotts from students.

The campus suffered from a two-day long riot, the dismissal of various members of the college administration, and the expulsion of student Laura Losi, the chief correspondent in the article, before the college made a formal statement of retraction of their former action. Correspondents from local and state media arrived to record the encouraging news to crowds of rapacious students, faculty members and alumni.

The campus issued a statement that included both the retraction of the allotted funds and the distribution of said funds. The fate of the funds, totalling nearly one hundred and forty times the cost of tuition for Massachusett state residents, will be left in the hands of the Worcester State College community. Suggestions including hiring celebrity professors, upgrading campus food, and compensating faculty, staff and students.

A speech given by the three writers of the article, and recipients of the Nobel Prize, lit an academic fervor in the state college. One thing is for sure: the power of the pen has certainly increased, especially when it is signing a large check.

Mole people found living beneath the campus!

Jonathan Cox
Photographer/Staff Writer

An intricate series of tunnels dug by mole people underneath the campus was discovered this week when the ground beneath the Learning Resource Center gave way, causing the building to sink several feet into the ground.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in the incident and even more surprisingly, there seems to be no structural damage done to the building.

The tunnels were discovered when the ground surrounding the building began to collapse as well, allowing access to the maze of tunnels and the colony of mole people within.

As if this didn't raise enough controversy among administration and students, it was discovered shortly thereafter that these mole people have been disguising themselves as humans and working as janitors and cooks for, you guessed it, our very own Worcester State College.

How long they've been here and how they've avoided detection remains a mystery, but already rumors are flying all around the campus.

Many students are claiming that the administration was fully aware of our subterranean neighbors all along and agreed to hire the mole people because they were willing to work for earthworms.

Others profess that they have seen these sub-dwellers coming out at night and rummaging through the garbage.

Some have gone so far as to say they've been attacked by mole people but were afraid to say anything before for fear of being thought crazy.

Whatever the truth behind these underground troglodytes may be, the school has not made any efforts to hire human replacements, nor have they asked the mole people to vacate the premises.

Many students are calling for the immediate removal of the mole people out of fear for their safety and food sanitation.

However, there are growing numbers of students saying to let bygones be bygones and let the mole people stay and work on campus.

Strangely enough, our beloved administration has thus far been unavailable for comment since the discovery of the mole people, leading to a great deal of speculation, but few facts, pertaining to the school's involvement with the mole people and just what will be done to resolve the situation.

Until we get to the bottom of what is really going on here, it's unlikely that any kind of solution is going to present itself.

In the meantime, watch your head going into the library, as it's a bit lower now.

Fictitious Vampire to teach at WSC

Chrissy Kenney
Staff Writer

A line of several crazed Twilight fans appeared at the registration office last Thursday when students caught wind of the rumor that Robert Pattinson—yes, the Robert Pattinson—would be teaching a Twilight seminar next fall.

Registration staff confirmed these suspicions; our favorite vampire will be gracing the Worcester State campus this September.

For those of you who don't know about the Twilight phenomenon, Pattinson is the star of the book-gone-movie released on DVD on March 21st (I mean, really, do you live in a cave? no bats pun intended.)

The series, written by Stephanie Meyer, became a bestselling obsession.

The movie, which is interpreted from the first book, was a chance for diehard fans—mostly girls—to be able to put a face to the name of their romantic, yet dangerous fictional crush, Edward Cullen.

The basic storyline of the book consists of an average girl, Bella Swan, moving to a small, rainy town called Forks.

It is here where she meets Edward, a self-criticizing vampire, whose family resists the temptation of human blood, unlike most other vampires.

The love story between Bella and Edward is dramatic; Edward can never trust himself not to kill the girl he loves.

Pattinson, the actor who plays Edward in the movie, has decided that Meyer's book is worth a serious dissection by the minds of college students.

Teen dream and new WSC professor Robert Pattinson

He has created a semester-long course on the storyline, including character-based analyses and plot formation workshops.

The class should prove to be an exciting insight into a book students might actually want to read, if they haven't already, that is.

In a phone call to the Languages and Literature Department, Pattinson stated, "I feel as though I can give an in-depth insight into Edward's character that many readers will want to learn about."

But why did Pattinson choose Worcester State for this course?

Apparently, he has a cousin, Jeffrey Pattinson who lives in the area who suggested the state college.

On behalf of every Twilight fan at Worcester State, I want to thank Jeffrey for his suggestion!

The course will be offered on webadvisor at the same time as the other fall classes will be available.

The course is limited to 30 students, and the race for registration will definitely be a crazy one.

Pattinson will be teaching this course during the break between the productions of New Moon and Eclipse.

Mutant Mice Infestation

Jacqueline Morrill
Editor in Chief

Here on Worcester State campus the only regular sighting of furry rodents have been the caged mice used for experimentation in the Cancer Biology class.

According to a female student of the class, usual protocol in regards to these long tailed creatures consists of injections of small amounts of cancer, observation, more injections, and more observation.

In time, the mice die and are then dissected. However, recent interviews with the janitorial staff of the Gosh Science and Tech Center reveal that these supposedly dead mice are not in fact dead, but rather infected much like the walking dead of a Romero classic zombie flick.

Not only are the virus infected mice scurrying along the corridors of the science building, but they have begun to mate with the herd of rats hiding in the walls of Sullivan.

Professors of the English Department, Dr. Yang, Dr. Saul and Dr. Rege have all found these hairy pests nesting in the warm confines of desk drawers.

In comparison to the normal characteristics of mice, the spawn of mutated mice can be identified by their balding bodies and yellow, mucasy eyes.

Not only are they leaving abnormally large droppings in the corners of doorways, but clumps of their thick, wiry hair can be spotted floating around stairwells like diseased tumbleweeds.

Though efforts have been made by pest control personnel to remove the cancerous rodents, they have found that the mother rats are quite territorial.

While sweeping nests of slimy mice babies out from ceiling ducts and bathroom walls, one worker was attacked by a protective mother rat.

"The thing appeared out of nowhere," said the worker. "It stood with its back arched in front of it's young and hissed at me. At first I thought maybe it was rabid due to the curdling foam dripping from its lips, but this rat was huge, and the naked patches of scabby skin signaled that this was no normal rodent."

Administrators of WSC ask all students to take every precaution while roaming the hallways of Sullivan and the Gosh building.

We are not the only ones entering the classrooms now.

If you do happen to bump into one of these monstrous mice, back away slowly, do not make eye contact, and report the location of the incident to the proper authorities as fast as possible.

Passing Thoughts & Randomness

Gatherer of Thoughts:
Hayley Colange Stefan

Due to the lack of interesting events on campus, members of the Student Voice have decided to create our own amusement.

Passing thoughts are those random, nonsensical yet slightly entertaining ideas that just seem to pop into our heads as while enduring the ennui of routine days gone by.

We invite all students to contribute to this column, if you've got a silly question, a random idea, or perhaps just something short you'd like to get off your chest, let us know.

Passing Thoughts for April:

If the fool always tells the truth then s/he is not the fool and we are the fools, but we don't tell the truth and thus cannot be the fools because the fool always tells the truth, but this means we are the-fools; so, if the fools both tell the truth and lie then we are all fools together but only consider the honest people to be the true fools.

Who are the April Fools and why do they have a commemorative day?

Further proof that irony exists in Nature: A man named Bernie Madoff (pronounced made-off) executed the largest ponzi scheme in history.

Worcester State College, No Longer Accredited

Matthew Tarpey
Contributor

Common sense would lead you to believe that renovations on the former administration building are aimed at updating the two-hundred and fifty year old structure into a modern facility for all of our school's administrative needs.

And, as we all think we know, the grey modular structures sited at the eastern part of the campus are temporarily in place to house those needs until the building is finished.

However, it would seem that these "temporary" structures may in fact be more permanent than originally thought, due in part to an odd turn of events that have recently left our university unaccredited.

According to an adjunct custodian working near those involved in the circumstance, the school's recent promotion to university status has resulted in an academic audit, the results of which being more than a bit unfavorable.

Coming as a shock to most – especially after a successful 5-year winning streak of the Princeton review award – what should have been cause for celebration has left WSC with little more status than an online university.

How this ties in with the not-so-temporary administrative village is that, according to the custodial relations official – who agreed to talk under promise of anonymity – the administrative building's renovations are aimed, not at administrative purposes but rather, retail purposes.

Along with the school's accreditation loss is also the state funding that comes with it.

As a result, the school has taken a drastic course of action by renting out sections of its academic facilities to local retailers, who will in turn pay rent to cover the losses due to the school's academic demise.

For every cloud there seems to be a silver lining: what the school lost in academic relations with the state (and consequently financial relations), it may make up for with new local economic relations.

Recent estimates show that the school stands to make more than triple the amount of revenue from retailers and other various businesses than it had from its original state funding.

And the crowning jewel of this new chapter of enterprise for WSC, the soon-to-be renovated administrative building. One anonymous construction worker has stated that what used to be the building's main stage hall is now prepped to be the campus' first full food court, ranging from Chinese to Pizzeria Regina.

When asked about their thoughts on the new plans, Lower Deka failed to comment.

All Aboard, Celebrating the Titanic

Kimberly Price
Contributor

On April 14th, it will be the 97th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

Titanic was made famous in pop culture in 1997 when James Cameron's movie came out, but as Cameron said; "If you don't appreciate the ship you can't appreciate the sinking."

The White Star Line had just signed a contract to build three luxurious passenger liners to compete to become the; fastest and most attractive ship to sail across the North Atlantic.

The second sister ship, the Titanic was to be more elegant than the first ship. Titanic was 883 feet long which is equivalent to four city blocks.

She was 92 feet wide, weighed 46,000 tons and was 104 feet tall.

Titanic was equipped with four funnels, the fourth was a fake so Titanic shows power and beauty. She was built with sixteen watertight compartments and a double bottom.

Titanic was a marvel of the gilded age, she was built to fit into the rich society.

Titanic was the largest, most magnificently furnished ship afloat at the time. The ship was finished with stained glass windows, "rich" carpeting, "elaborate" chandeliers and mahogany carved paneling.

Inside the Titanic was completely outfitted to satisfy the rich tastes of her guests. On board there was a squash court, swimming pools and a gym.

The gymnasium was outfitted with equipment such as mechanical bicycles, camels, horses and row boats.

Titanic departed Southampton, England on April 10, 1912, on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to New York City under direction of Captain Edward Smith.

Smith was one of White Star lines well known captains and planned to retire after her maiden voyage.

Titanic embarked on her journey with 1,321 passengers aboard, as well as 900 crew members.

Why did an "unsinkable" ship sink? For starters, no sink is really unsinkable, but Titanic could have been more readily equipped for disaster. Titanic did not have a complete sea trial before setting sail.

She did not get her stopping time tested. Titanic hit the ice berg 37 seconds after the ice was sighted. Titanic was moving at 22 1/2 knots, a moving rate of 38 feet per second, which means the iceberg was sighted about 500 feet before collision.

If the ships stopping time had been tested, it would have been possible to have it fixed and to have possibly have averted the disaster.

Why was the iceberg not sighted sooner? One contributing factor is that the lookout may not have had binoculars in the crows nest.

Another contributing factor is that the iceberg is rumored to have been a blue berg. A blue berg is an ice berg that had recently flipped over. Blue bergs are basically transparent.

Not only would the iceberg had been hard to see because of transparency, but the night that the Titanic hit the iceberg the sea was calm and the sky moonless.

The calm sea would not show ripples near the bergs. And also, the moonless sky would show no light shinning off the bergs.

These two natural factors alone, made it difficult to spot icebergs.

Could the Titanic have been saved? It will never be sure, but most sources say that if Titanic hit the iceberg head on, the ship would have stayed afloat.

Titanic designers envisioned a few scenarios that would damage the ship but the ships watertight compartments and bulkheads would keep her float.

The Titanic was built with 16 watertight compartments and 15 bulkheads. Titanic would stay afloat with any two compartments flooded, any two a joining compartments flooded and any three out of the first five compartments flooded.

If the Titanic had a head on collision, she would stay afloat with the first four compartments flooded.

Many historians argue and agree that instead of porting around the iceberg Officer Murdoch should have hit it head on. Unfortunately, Titanic was not prepared to be scrapped by the iceberg on her starboard side for about a length of 300 feet, allowing water to pour into her hull, and flood the first six compartments.

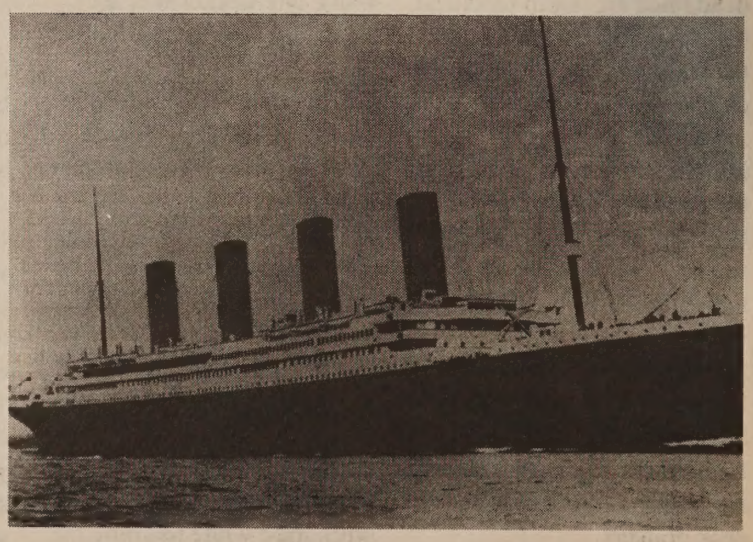
Some historians may look at a fictional novel about a fictional ship named Titan and argue that the Titanic's fateful voyage was predicted.

In 1898 Morgan Robertson wrote a novel about a fictional ship Titan. Titan set sail in April which would be her fateful voyage.

Titan was flying under a British flag but owned by an American company, as was Titanic.

Titan's displacement was 70,000 tons, Titanic's was 66,000 tons. Titan was 800 feet in length and Titanic was 882.5 feet. Both ships had three propellers, which was a new innovation when the Titanic was built in 1911. Titans fastest speed was 24-25 knots, while Titanic's was 22 - 23. Both ships had the capacity to fit 3,000 people. The number aboard the Titan on the fateful voyage was 2,000. The number aboard Titanic on her voyage was 2,200. The Titan carried 24 lifeboats while the Titanic had 20, both numbers not enough to save half that were aboard. Alas, both ships scrapped up against their Starboard side and met their destiny. Was this novel really a prediction of the great disaster?

Titanic left the daylight 97 years ago when she sank into the dark and mysterious sea; yet, she has still left society with unanswered questions. Questions that society will never have answers to. These questions will always be a reminder that the "unthinkable" can always happen.



April Fools!

From the Student Voice Staff

The WSC Personals

I am a male furry looking for a female furry counterpart. You have to be willing to dress up as a pink tiger or small turtle; costumes will be provided.

If you enjoy making animal noises, dressing up and attending furry conventions to participate with other furries and plushophiles, please contact me as soon as possible.

-Veronica

Interested in playing the victim of telephone scatalogia? 24-year-old male looking to make obscene phone calls without the threat of being arrested.

If you play a good "screamer" please help my cause. Compensation will be given.

--Bob

21 year old female looking to have casual, random sex with males and females.

I enjoy role-playing, dressing up, light s&m, anal and eating burritos and ice cream cones. If you're interested in a fun time with no strings attached, tweet on my twitter.

-Jaquisha

Fresh out of a relationship? Looking to rebound? In the mood to use someone?

I am just the guy for you. If you hate your ex-boyfriend and need to find a way to get over him and make him jealous, I have the correct solution; have meaningless sex with me. I

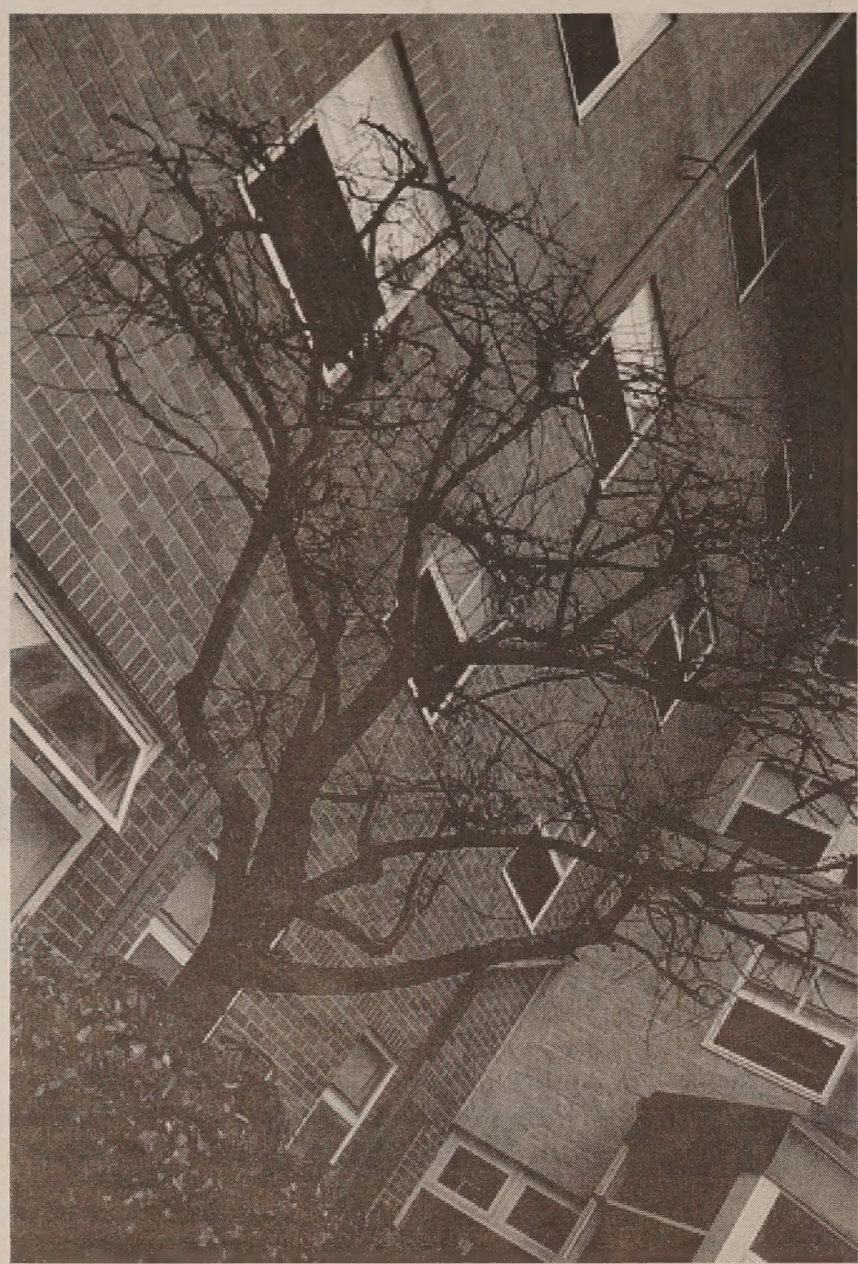
'll even let you update your facebook status about it from my pda afterward. Send me a text if you want to get down, up and over that fool!

-Eric

This week's personal ads created by Felicia Misale.

(Note: Again, these personal ads are completely fictional, though, it you're single, or not, and looking, place an ad by emailing: jmorrill@orcester.edu or hstefan@worcester.edu).

WSC Candid Campus



Recognize any of these places?

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